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SUBJECT: THREATENED TRANSPORTATION BOYCOTT

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1. AN INQUIRY TO THE NAH-OST SCHIFFFAHRTSAGENTUR (NOSA), HAMBURG, THE ONLY GERMAN CONFERENCE SHIPPING LINE SERVING LIBYAN PORTS, CONFIRMED THAT GERMAN LINE AWARE THAT LIBYAN GENERAL FEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS HAS DECLARED A BOYCOTT AGAINST FRG FLAG VESSELS SINCE OCTOBER 1973, BUT REVEALED THAT THERE ARE NO FRG FLAG VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE REGULAR CONFERENCE LINE SERVICE TO TRIPOLI (ALL THE VESSELS IN THIS SERVICE WHICH WERE FORMERLY UNDER FRG FLAG HAD ALREADY BEEN SWITCHED TO FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE LONG BEFORE THE BOYCOTT WAS DECLARED).

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2. NOSA REPORTED THAT THE ONLY TROUBLE SO FAR ENCOUNTERED IN

CONNECTION WITH BOYCOTT WAS BY TWO FORMER GERMAN-FLAG VESSELS NOW UNDER THE FLAG OF THE NETHERLANDS WEST INDIES (BOYCOTTED DUE TO NETHERLANDS FLAG NOT DUE TO GERMAN MANAGEMENT).

3. THE CONFERENCE IS NOW ENSURING THAT ONLY VESSELS FLYING NEUTRAL FLAGS (GREECE, CYPRUS, LIBERIA, ETC.) ARE USED IN THIS SERVICE. WE ARE TOLD IT APPEARS THAT EITHER UNION AS YET UNAWARE THAT SHIPS OF CONFERENCE LINE OFTEN GERMAN-OWNED OR AT LEAST IMPRESSION CREATED THAT THIS FACT HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED. TRAMP SHIPS UNDER GERMAN FLAG AND OTHER VESSELS WHICH MIGHT BE BOYCOTTED, ARE DISCHARGING THEIR CARGO IN OTHER PORTS.

4. PORT OF TRIPOLI IS REPORTEDLY VERY CONGESTED, BUT NOT JUST AS RESULT OF BOYCOTT. PRESENT CONGESTION SURCHARGE ON CONFERENCE FREIGHT RATES IS 50 PERCENT. BROGAN

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